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President has sent personal messages to de Gaulle and Macmillan proposing earliest possible (hope for Saturday at latest) declaration by the three containing solemn warning determination maintain and preserve at whatever cost rights in Berlin and obligations to <sup>West</sup> Berliners.

President has also decided reinforce Berlin garrison by one battle group moved up autobahn and urged others take comparable action.

Germans here informed.

Lightner should inform Brandt of this in strictest repeat strictest confidence and that President plans send answer his letter soonest by high level messenger.

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